

Community Planning and Economic Development News Release

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For Immediate Release

City of Minneapolis to Host Public Meeting to Discuss Downtown Public Realm Framework Plan

WHAT: On Monday, August 10, the City of Minneapolis department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) will be hosting a public meeting to discuss the Downtown Public Realm Framework Plan. The Downtown Public Realm Framework will establish a framework, goals and policies for enhancing the pedestrian experience downtown, with a focus on priority streets and public spaces.

The public meeting will begin with welcome and brief comments by Council Member Jacob Frey and Downtown Council President Steve Cramer followed by a short presentation by City staff. Attendees will be invited to participate in an interactive exercise and to provide feedback.

The Downtown Public Realm Framework is the City's plan to provide unified guidance to inform and coordinate the work of public and private entities that shape the public realm. The Downtown Public Realm Framework includes an inventory of existing policies, practices, and elements in the public realm. It is intended to inform and guide outcomes in capital planning, site plan review, and public/private partnership toward the coordinated enhancement of the public realm. A Public Realm Framework is a guiding policy document for the management of the Right-of-Way. The purpose of Public Realm Frameworks is the creation of a unified document for the public realm within a certain geographic area. The document will address connections, networks, assets and conditions.

You can learn more about the Downtown Public Realm Framework including access to the project description, meeting minutes, and presentations on the City's [website](#).

WHEN: Monday, August 10, 2015
6:00-8:00pm

WHERE: Downtown Central Library
Pohlad Auditorium
300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401

MORE: The City of Minneapolis' Downtown Public Realm Framework will run on a parallel and integrated track with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board's process to create a Downtown Service Area Master Plan (DSAMP). The two processes will result in separate but integrally related documents, the Downtown Public Realm Framework and the DSAMP, which will jointly create the Pathways to Places initiative, for the entire network of downtown public spaces and corridors. The Downtown Public Realm Framework and the DSAMP will each be adopted by their respective elected bodies.

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